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ACTION SHEET
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POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Meeting held at the NATO Headquarters, 1110 Brussels,
on Tuesday, 10th April, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

ACTION SHEET

I. EAST-WEST VISITS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Netherlands Representative reporting on the visit of his Foreign Minister to Romania from 25th-27th March and to Bulgaria from 28th-29th March;
- (2) noted that the Portuguese Delegation would report at the next meeting of the Council on the visit of the Portuguese President to Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary.

II. POLAND

The COMMITTEE:

had its attention drawn by the United States Representative to the analysis which his Delegation had circulated through the Situation Centre as AS(79)045 of the aims and limits of dissent in Poland.

III. ROMANIA

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to have an exchange of views on Romania at its meeting on 24th April.

IV. YUGOSLAV/SOVIET RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the Italian Representative reporting that President Tito would visit the Soviet Union in May and indicating the subjects which the Yugoslavs wished to have discussed during the visit.

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V. SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR A WORLD TREATY ON THE NON-APPLICATION OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

had circulated to it by the United States Delegation an unofficial translation of the note verbale which the Soviet Embassy in Washington had delivered to the State Department on 3rd April.

VI. COMECON

The COMMITTEE:

was informed by the French Representative that at the last meeting of the Executive Committee of COMECON the Romanian delegation had refused to discuss questions related to China and Vietnam.

VII. PREPARATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 9TH MAY ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) was informed by the French and Italian Representatives of the level at which their Authorities would be represented at this meeting and of their views with regard to the structuring of the discussion and the possible preparation of a Chairman's report;
- (2) agreed to include this subject on the Agenda of its next meeting.

VIII. VISIT BY PRESIDENT SADAT TO BONN

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the German Representative reporting on the talks which had taken place during this visit at the end of March.

IX. ANGOLA

The COMMITTEE:

received information from the Portuguese Representative regarding the Soviet naval presence off the coast of Angola and its possible relation to the situation in Namibia.

X. RHODESIA

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Representative providing his Authorities' impressions of developments in Rhodesia and of the likely outcome and consequences of the current elections.

XI. AFGHANISTAN

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) had its attention drawn by the United Kingdom Representative to the assessment of developments in Afghanistan which his Delegation had circulated through the Situation Centre as AS(79)044;
- (2) noted a contribution by the United States Delegation on the Soviet presence and the continuing unrest in Afghanistan;
- (3) was informed by the Turkish Representative of the intentions of his Authorities to be represented at a low level at the celebrations of the Afghanistan revolution to be held in the Afghan Embassy in Ankara and not to send a special Presidential message in addition to that which would be sent on Afghanistan's national day.

XII. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON CSCE MATTERS INCLUDING CBMs AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT

(a) Experts' meeting in Valletta

The COMMITTEE:

noted contributions by the French, Italian and United States Representatives providing assessments of the Valletta meeting;

(b) Madrid meeting

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) noted a contribution by the Turkish Delegation presenting information on Soviet intentions with regard to the Madrid meeting;
- (2) heard comments by the French Representative on the Romanian proposal for the holding of a meeting to prepare the Madrid meeting;

(c) Implementation of the Final Act

The COMMITTEE:

agreed to hold an informal meeting of interested delegations at a later date in order to consider whether the present implementation questionnaire might usefully be revised or clarified;

(d) Exercise "Friendship 79"

The COMMITTEE:

had a further exchange of views on possible reasons for the apparent discrepancy between the area mentioned in the notification of this exercise, which had been held in Czechoslovakia in February, and the area in which the exercise had actually taken place.

XIII. MEETING OF THE WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The COMMITTEE:

in view of its late circulation, agreed to defer consideration of ISD/213(Revised) to the next meeting.

XIV. ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

(a) Romanian Appeal of 22nd December, 1978

The COMMITTEE:

noted a contribution by the United Kingdom Delegation providing comments on this Appeal;

(b) Meeting with Disarmament Experts: 5th-6th April

The COMMITTEE:

requested the International Secretariat to draw up a list of subjects which the experts had suggested might be followed up at future meetings of the Committee.

XV. CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND DE-ESCALATORY MEASURES

The COMMITTEE:

- (1) heard a statement by the Chairman summarizing the conclusions of the Military Committee's memorandum on this subject, MCM-EEK-6-79 of 7th February, 1979;

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- (2) agreed to have an exchange of views on the tentative principles developed in this paper at its meeting on 24th April.

XVI. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday, 20th April, 1979 at 10.30 a.m.

NATO,
1110 Brussels.